

February 14, 1978

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Memo to File:

Re: Hillside-Gizmo-Maybe Mines  
Fry Canyon Area  
San Juan County, Utah  
ACT/037/015

A telecon was made with Mr. Dave Markley of Energy Fuels Nuclear, the present operator of this mine on the 10th of February 1978.

Mr. Markley inquired whether Energy Fuels Nuclear could declare this operation exempt from the Mined Land Reclamation Act since the total area of surface disturbance was just less than two (2) acres.

Based on a March 1977 field inspection of this mine and associated roads, Mr. Markley was given the opinion that this mine would not be considered a Declaration of Exemption operation. This judgement is based on the total disturbance involved for this mine, roads included, even though the roads were pre-existing.

Said roads are not county maintained and will serve no useful purpose after mining.

In addition, the waste rock dumps for the hillside portal fall several hundred feet to the valley below. This dumps area cannot practically be treated due to its inaccessibility but will cover a wide area and therefore be counted as area affected.

Mr. Markley committed to submitting the Notice of Intention and Mining and Reclamation Plan within the week. A tentative field inspection date was also established with him to look at reclamation problems in the Fry Canyon Area.

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COORDINATOR OF MINED  
LAND DEVELOPMENT

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